

Invents New Flyer in Jail

**Barcelona Engineer Claims His
Machine Will Rise Vertically
From the Ground.**

CAN DIP IN ANY DIRECTION

**French Government Is Interested in
Invention and Will Send Technical
Commission to Barcelona to
Witness the Trials.**

London.—Paris, according to the London Daily Telegraph correspondent, is talking about a new flying machine and the romantic story of its invention.

It is called the "helicoptere," and the inventor, M. Pateras-Pescara, a Barcelona engineer, made his discovery in the Sante prison at two o'clock in the morning. It is claimed for this new flying vehicle, in which the French government is interested, for it will send a technical mission to Barcelona to witness the trials, that passengers can descend from the air with the same comfort as though they were sitting in armchairs.

How It Works.

The invention consists of an axle fixed to a motor which is placed in the vehicle. The axle sets in motion sets of propellers, one set turning one way, one another. The vehicle rises vertically from the ground; it can dip in every direction, remain immobile in space, and descend like an airplane with engine stopped.

M. Pateras-Pescara, a nationalized Argentine, who married an Austrian princess, had to leave Italy when that country entered the war. He came to France, where he was employed in the ministry of inventions. In 1916 he was at work on a bombing machine which was intended to fly between Paris and Berlin with a cargo of explosives at a speed of 130 miles an hour. He had had trouble with the diplomatists and was watched by the international police.

Arrested, he was taken to the Sante prison, and it was in his cell on De-

cember 18, 1916, that he solved the problem of the "helicoptere." The expulsion proceedings against him were dropped, and after his release he applied himself to his invention.

Proves Successful.

In August, 1919, a mission from the French air department went to Barcelona to witness the trials of his parachute "helicoptere," and as a result of its report a contract was signed with the inventor. Compelled to reside outside France, M. Pescara built a definite model of his machine at Barcelona. It was tried recently, and it is said that the propellers worked admirably.

With reference to this claim of the

Barcelona inventor, it may be pointed out that there is nothing whatever new about the idea of a "helicoptere," i. e., a machine capable of rising from the ground by the action of horizontally-placed propellers. The plan, in fact, is one of the oldest in the history of aeronautical theory and experiment, and has been put forward more than once during the past quarter of a century. Whether M. Pescara has succeeded in surmounting the difficulties heretofore encountered remains to be seen.

Bear Burned Hair.

Stone, Pa.—A bear shot on the top of the mountain range at Tadaghton Gorge rolled down the mountain side nearly 700 feet and landed at the feet of the hunter, who had fired at it from the bottom of Pine Creek Valley. The side of the mountain is so steep that few men have been able to scale it, and the bear rolled down so fast that the hair was burned from its skin in many places.

Not Turned by Large Legacy

**Indiana Second-Hand Furniture
Dealer Is Happy Without
Immense Fortune.**

HEIR TO SLICE OF "PHILLY"

**Through Death of Grandfather He
Never Heard of J. S. Polk Inherits
Share of \$6,500,000 Estate—Long-
Term Lease Expires.**

Chicago.—J. S. Polk, a second-hand furniture dealer at 4716 Olcott avenue, East Chicago, is figuring out what he will do with his share of a \$6,500,000 Philadelphia estate which he has been informed has come to him through the death of a grandfather he never heard of.

His first conclusion concerning the disposition of this wealth is that he will give most of it away. He expects his share will be \$722,222. He

has no scruples against accepting the money and no particular theories about reforming the world with it.

"We couldn't be any happier, friend, but we will be able to make others happier," he said, as he dusted off the old furniture and listened to the voices of four children in play.

Wife and Four Children.

Polk is nearly 60 years old and has Mrs. Polk and the four children to consider, so there is no telling what will happen to the money, if it comes. His story is that recently he received a telegram as follows:

"Sir: You have come into property in Philadelphia through the will of Thomas Bennett of New York. I am empowered to offer you \$20,000.

"T. A. Ross, Attorney, Philadelphia."

Polk wired Ross to call on him. Ross came. He offered to settle for \$88,000 finally, after Polk had refused other offers. The \$88,000 offer also was refused.

"The real estate left by my grandfather is located in the heart of Philadelphia," said Mr. Polk. "I understand I am one of nine heirs. The others, most of them, live in Milwaukee. We met up there about two weeks ago and decided the best thing we can do will be to await developments.

Ninety-Nine Year Lease Expires.

"As I understand it, my grandfather holds the land, which was leased to the city of Philadelphia for 99 years. The lease expires July 30, 1924. We have been unable to locate Mr. Ross lately, but I suppose he is somewhere in Philadelphia."

Mr. Polk added that he will be patient until the "lease expires," then "see what's what."

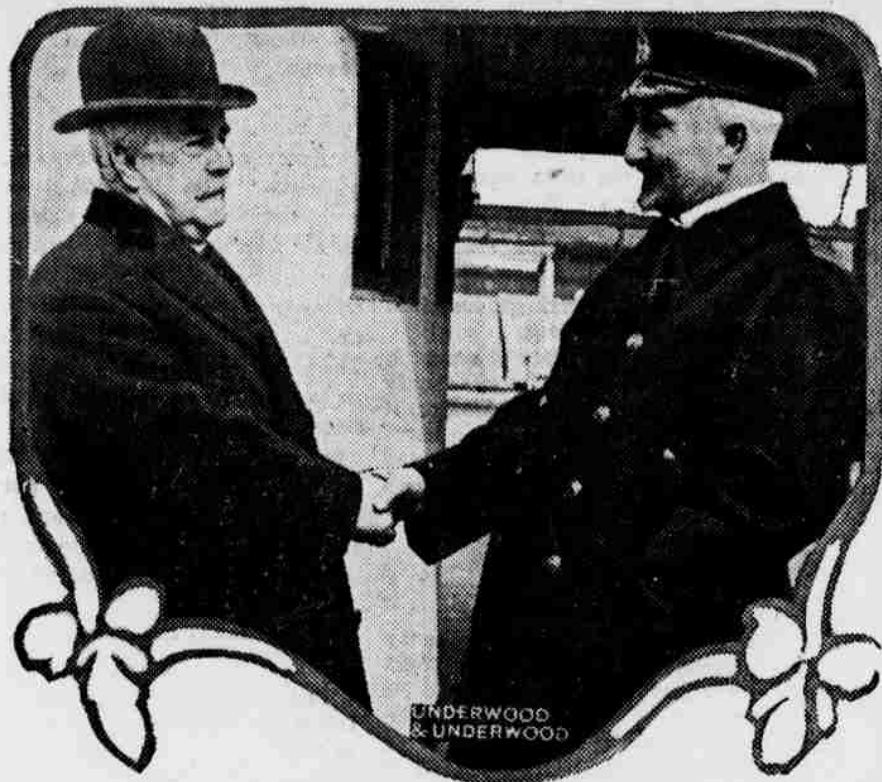
"And I didn't even know I had a grandfather," ruminated Mr. Polk. "What'll I do with the money when I get it? Well, I'll give away about \$100,000 to the Salvation Army. Then Mary and the kids and I will have a good time. We're going to play Andy and Min Gump, and call this money Uncle Bim."

Inquiry in Philadelphia failed to discover Attorney T. A. Ross. Other attorneys of the name of Ross are in practice there, but none knew about the legacy to Polk in the heart of Philadelphia's business district.

Cuts Down Old Tree.

Morganville, Kan.—A catalpa tree planted by John H. Merten of Morganville in 1881 was cut down one day recently by him and he obtained 68 good fence posts from it. The tree was 2 feet in diameter.

E. F. Wright "Sails" His Last Ship



Edward F. Wright, general marine superintendent of the International Mercantile Marine company, "sailed" his last ship the other day, and formally retired from the service, ending 54 years of active work in the shipping industry. The photograph shows Mr. Wright shaking hands with Commander R. O. Jones of the Celtic on the liner's bridge just before it left New York for Liverpool.

CROWD MONTE CARLO

**Women Gamblers Outnumber
Men at Famous Palace.**

**Many of Them Do Not Know When
They Win or Lose, But That
Does Not Deter Them.**

London.—This is the women's year at the Monte Carlo casino, writes A. E. Manning Foster to the London Daily Mail. There have never before been so many women gamblers.

Just now English women predominate. There is a fair sprinkling of French, Italians and Spanish, and a few Russians. But it is essentially the season of English women.

Some of them, it is easy to see, have never been here before. They do not know their way about or understand the games.

But that does not deter them in the least. They plunk their money down

and wait to see what happens, and they keep sharp eyes upon it, too. A man may have his winnings snatched, but a woman—never!

There is novices' luck—who can doubt it?

These newcomers who win at the start are the stanchest and most regular attendants.

Morning, noon and night they come to the rooms, drawn by an irresistible lure. For them the many other delights that are to be found in Monte Carlo and the neighborhood exist in vain.

Their lives are centered on the hectic pleasures of the tables. You can tell them at a glance. Their eyes are bright, their cheeks flushed and as the days go on a strained, anxious look comes into their faces and little hard lines develop at the corner of their mouths.

They have gambling fever badly. It must run its course. Most of them

will get over it. A few will become chronic cases and will join that pathetic little band of women who cannot help it, women who must gamble as others must take drink or drugs.

Not that the majority of women who throng the rooms are of this kind. There are many sweet and lovely women who have their little flutters just for fun and as an occasional diversion.

Boy 14 Eats 150 Olives in Ten Minutes for \$10

Long Beach.—A fourteen-year-old boy from Los Angeles defeated nine other contestants representing almost as many races, at an olive-eating contest in the Municipal Auditorium. The lad bolted down 150 in ten minutes. Edward Hadover of Long Beach came in second with 142 to his credit. The prize was \$10.

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Five Words of Truth.

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